

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A developing apparatus comprising:
a developer bearing member for bearing
developer;
5 a spacer provided on a surface at an end
portion of said developer bearing member along a
longitudinal direction, for maintaining a constant
gap between said developer bearing member and an
image bearing member for supplying developer from
10 said developer bearing member;
a seal member for regulating leakage of
developer toward the end portion of said developer
bearing member along the longitudinal direction; and
a developer scraping member provided at a
15 portion overlapping with said seal member along the
longitudinal direction of said developer bearing
member, contacting said developer bearing member,
wherein said developer scraping member contacts a
surface of said spacer.
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2. A developing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said developer scraping member contacts a
whole abutment area of said spacer to said image
bearing member along the longitudinal direction.
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3. A developing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said spacer is provided nearer the

longitudinal end portion than said seal member.

4. A developing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said seal member serves to regulate a
5 movement of the developer magnetically and is
provided in a non-contact relationship to a surface
of said developer bearing member along a
circumferential direction of said developer bearing
member.

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5. A developing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein a notch is provided between a contact portion
of said developer scraping member to said developer
bearing member and a contact portion of said
15 developer scraping member to said spacer.

6. A developing apparatus according to claim 5,
wherein said contact portion of said developer
scraping member to said developer bearing member is
20 cut obliquely with respect to the longitudinal
direction, and said contact portion to said spacer is
cut in parallel with the longitudinal direction.

7. A developing apparatus according to claim 1,
25 wherein said spacer is rotatably attached with
respect to said developer bearing member.

8. A developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said developing apparatus is mounted to a cartridge detachable to an image forming apparatus.